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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 10/27/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The MPEP states in section 714.02 "The requirements of CFR 1.111(b) must be complied with by pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims patentable over the references in presenting arguments in support of <u>new claims</u> and amendments".

The MPEP further states "A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section".

The response is silent as to how new independent claims 54 and 73 are patentable over the references.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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